SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: ... are defective. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR : So many buildings have been constructed by the DDA right from the ASIAD. If you go on checking the foundations of all, it will be very difficult for us to find out. It does not mean that all engineers are corrupt. There are many officers who are very honest. It was in this particular case that this thing happened.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: It is not a fishing expedition. The DDA Chairman himself has said : we have referred the matter to the IIT. On that basis if he has any information he can say.

MR. CHAIRMAN : He says that he has no information. Srimati Monika Das.

SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: I want to know from the hon. Minister whether since, inquiries started, many officers, Executive Engineers, have been transfered to the CPWD. Is it a fact? If so, what action was taken against them and what punishment are you going to give to them after catching them?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Allotment of land to non-resident Indians

*62. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal before Government to give land in Delhi to non-resident Indians to build houses;

(b) whether land was acquired and applications invited from non-resident Indians with security money in foreign exchange and the area demarcated and the plots carved out for individual allotment by the DDA;

(c) if so, (i) where was the land acquired in Delhi; (ii) what was the number of applications recived; (iii) what was the area of land acquired; and (iv) whether the scheme was abandoned; and

(d) for what purpose the acuired land has been used?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Land was not acquired specifically for the Scheme. About 53 acres of land was earmarked from the land which was intended for the General Pool Accommodation in Mehrauli Badarpur Road, for carving out plots for allotment to non-resident Indians against foreign exchange through the Land & Development Office and not by the DDA.

(c) (i) Land was earmarked in Mehrauli Badarpur Road.

(ii) 333.

(iii) About 53 acres of land was earmarked in Mehrauli Badarpur Road.

(iv) Yes, Sir.

(d) Since some of the applicants have filed a writ petition in the Delhi High Court, the utilisation of the land has been kept in abeyance till the case is decided by the Court.

Colour transmission from Madras T. V. Station

*65. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install the necessary equipment in Madras to make it a full-fledged colour

transmission centre a part from the provision of colour O.B. Van; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Equipment for equipping one of the two studios at Madras for colour operation has already been ordered and is expected to be installed during 1986-87. Similar equipment for the Second studio and one O.B. Van are proposed to be procured during the VII plan depending on availability of resources. In the meantime, ENG equipment has been provided to the Kendra for production of limited field-based programmes in colour.

Progress and evaluation of land reforms

*66. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently conducted a survey with regard to implementation of land reforms in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings of the survey made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fire in the Record Room of DDA

*67. SHRI SYED AHMED HASHMI:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority's record room in the Vikas Sadan was recently gutted;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard; if so, what is the result thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Inquiry was conducted by a Committee constituted by the Chairman, Delhi Development Authority. According to the Committee the fire appears to be deliberate and the matter needs further investigation by a competent agency.

(c) The matter has been handed over to the CBI. An FIR has also been registered with the Police. Remedial safety arrangements/devices are also being provided. DDA has been advised to ensure that fire prevention measures are strictly enforced in all DDA buildings.

Abolition of lease System in Delhi

*68. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:
SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSNG be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the recommendations made by the D' Souza Committee constituted in 1974 with regard to the conversion of the lease-hold land into free-hold in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, by when a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The question of abolition or modification of lease hold system releting to residential proparties in Delhi requires detailed examination keeping in view various aspects and likely repercussions